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INCREASE IN ISSUED AND PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

Dear Sir

We enclose a copy of our Announcement dated 17 January 2003 in regard to the above matter for your information.

Yours faithfully for UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

Leo Hee Wui

**Assistant Secretary** 

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## **UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED**

(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

## INCREASE IN ISSUED AND PAID-UP SHARE CAPITAL OF A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

Singapore, 17 January 2003 - United Overseas Bank Limited (the "Bank") wishes to announce that it has subscribed for an additional 15,000,000 ordinary shares of \$1.00 each in UOB Capital Investments Pte Ltd ("UOBCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, for a total cash consideration of \$15,000,000. Prior to the subscription, the Bank held 50,000,000 ordinary shares of \$1.00 each, fully paid, in UOBCI.

The issued and paid up capital of UOBCI after the increase is S\$65,000,000.

Vivien Chan

Company Secretary